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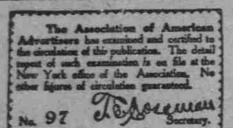
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The inner side of every cloud is bright and shining; I therefore turn my clouds about And always wear them inside out To show the lining.

-Ellen Thorncroft Fowler.

#### Revise Our Mining Laws

CONFERENCE of men interested in revising the mining laws and land laws of Texas in the interest of more rapid development of the state's resources is proposed, to be held in this city at an early date. It is suggested that the conference be made up of delegates to be named by chambers of commerce, commercial clubs or other business organizations where such exist, or by the county judges in the more sparsely settled counties.

It would be a good plan if the conference could be made so wide in its scope as to be participated in by delegates of the various counties as far east as San Angelo and Abilene; however, much good will certainly be accomplished if the call reaches no further than Midland and Del Rio.

The principal object of the proposed conference is to bring about such a revision of the mining laws as will permit the development of the oil and metal resources of west Texas. In a general way, everybody in this end of the state knows that the present mineral laws of Texas have stood in the way of developmenthave kept people and capital at a distance—and have discouraged railroad and mining projects. A few men specially interested in minerals or lands have made some study of the subject and have valuable suggestions to propose. Most of us, however, are not only ignorant of the actual working out of the details of the mineral laws but barren of suggestions for their improvement.

The thing to do now is to obtain a meeting of those who have studied the subject or who have experienced the detrimental effects of the present laws, thrash over the whole subject thoroughly, and prepare an intelligent plan of revision to be submitted to the legislature at this session. The senators and representatives from this end of the state are ready to work to the limit of their ability for the passage of reasonable and progressive laws to promote the development of our mineral resources, but they are entitled to know what the people most interested -their constituents-truly desire, and they should be assisted in every possible way with the necessary data and well thought out suggestions so as to facilitate

There is plenty for the proposed conference to do, both in framing suggestions for needed legislative changes and also perhaps in conducting a campaign at Austin in cooperation with the western senators and representatives for the better spread of knowledge of the needs of west Texas and for enlisting the aid of east Texas representatives necessary to the enactment of any particular measure in the way of amendment or revision of the present laws.

The chamber of commerce in promoting the proposed conference on mining laws can hardly serve a more useful purpose. It is to be hoped that the response from the west Texas counties will be prompt and enthusiastic. The time is ripe for action, and it rests mainly with ourselves whether we shall succeed or fail in obtaining a fair, liberal, and reasonable law.

### You Will Be Barred Out

F YOU don't pay your poll tax before February 1, you cannot vote at the city election, the school election, or any bond issue or referendum election; nor can you vote on the proposed prohibition constitutional amendment, which will probably be submitted to the people this year,

The Prohibitionists are working hard to get all their adherents to pay their poll taxes. If is just as important that the opponents of statewide prohibition should prepare themselves to express their will at the election.

It is probable that many matters of large importance will be presented to the voters of this city and state for action during the present calendar year; and the man without a poll tax receipt in his pocket will be about as effective as if he lived in New Zealand.

The poll tax costs \$1.75, of which amount \$1 goes to the public free schools, 50c to the state and 25c to the county. The man who cannot or will not pay this small sum for the purposes of government and schools and to prepare himself to vote is not fit to vote, and must be classed as a very undesirable citizen. Inability to pay this small sum means shiftlessness, worthlessness, and vagrancy, not by any means honest poverty. Neglect or refusal to pay marks a man in any event as unfit to exercise the privileges of citizenship.

Pay your poll tax and establish your right to participate in the activities of a self-governing people.

### The Rich Yuma Country

TUMA ARIZ, gets \$1,200,000 out of the \$20,000,000 special irrigation fund. The allotment will set the Yuma project ahead at least a year. The first payment on the allotment will be used to complete the great siphon under the Colorado river, greatly extending the irrigable area.

The Yuma project has suffered for years for lack of sufficient funds to carry out the plans in a broad way. Many of the units have been completed, but a large acreage has remained without water owing to lack of funds. It is declared at Yuma that within 90 days after the money becomes available the big siphon should te completed and the Yuma valley be receiving water from the Colorado river.

The Yuma country has a wide range of agricultural possibilities. It raises splendid fruits of the temperate zone varieties as well as the products of the tropical and semi-tropical zone. The valley has a great future and will become one of the most famous producers in the west of choice fruits and early vegetables, with the likelihood that the growing of first quality cotton will also become highly profitable in that region.

On a basis of area, Texas increased less rapidly during the last ten years than almost any other state in the union. The increase was only 3.3 per square mile, while the average increase for 11 southern states was 6.6 per square mile. West Virginia increased 11 persons per square mile, Georgia 7, Oklahoma 12, while New York increased 38, Massachusetts 67, New Jersey 84 persons per square mile. We have room, we have resources, we want more folks.

# UNCLE WALT'S Denatured Poem

HE housewife, tired of the beastly grind, turned loose some thoughts that were in her mind, when her husband came from his toll at night; she said the world didn't use her right. "I'm always doing the same old chores, I'm always sweeping the same old floors, I'm always washing the same old frocks, and darning holes in the same old socks. I'm sick and tired of this wretched life! There is no joy for a poor man's wife!" The wife of the rich man sighed and said: "Gee whiz! A dame might as well be

dead! I'm always doing my social chores, I'm always wearied by stately bores; I'm always choosing the proper gown, I'm always motoring through the town! I'm always doing the same old things! I wish, I wish I had ten-foot wings! I'd fly away to some lowly cot, and do a stunt with a coffee pot!" We all grow tired of the work we do, and sigh and rant till the sir is blue. But it does no good, and it bales no hay, and the wise man chases such thoughts away. The world improves with each passing year, because each man in his little sphere, takes off his jacket and grins and sings, and keeps on doing the same old things.

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Dans Mason

## Disconcerting Dolly

By Barbara Ring.

The Herald's Daily Short Story

GUILTY conscience and a sore heart are but awkward possessessions with which to go Lord Alan Robertson, otherwise Ally.

sought to quiet the one and heal the other during the long ride in the corrifor smoker, as he rushed down into he lake district. And yet, in spite of the hot haste

with which he had commanded his goods to be packed on the previous night, somehow, as the train swung forward, exultant and impetuous to do his will, the grievance dwindled, and, in short, grew less and less adequate.
To actually break with Dolly, be-

Yet fishing was a manly sport. He would maintain that with his dying breath. And Dolly had no business whatever to so presume on their rela-tionship as to toss her head and pout her red lips tauntingly, as she ramarked:

"Obviously Al-lord Alan Robertson, you care less for me than for a slippery And then the rank impudence of

the courtesy as her frock swept the She had been grossly unfair. That was the straigthforward English truth.

The nuisance, of course, was that the best fishing was to be had amongst Dollys' people, and he had to acknowl-edge that he was taking this trip mewhat at random into the far wilds of Cumberland on the chance that somehow he might knock up against some one of his kind, who for pity or cash might give him that sport after which his soul lusted.

After an interminable drive from a wayside station, he found himself in a tiny inn, feasting humbly on eggs, bacon and dublous tea. He rose at last, and with a curiosity

of, the country air, he hurried from the stuffy little parlor to the outer door, just as a horse clattered To his trained ears it struck him

that there was breeding in the trot, but he was too late to verify his supposition, for, as he started leftwards, he rider had disappeared down the darkening road. "Who is so lively at this time of

"It was likely Miss Vandaleur, of bounds. "Ob-the lady whom the driver told | ken every thread of

ne owned the fishing?" "The same, sir. Miss Dolly, she's called round about here. On a horse after a trout or a pike, or standing her place amongst the guns with the keenest. She's the wonder of the and passion in that other Dolly's eyes, countryside, is Miss Dolly, as all folk Should indeed a certain tender look

"Where is the hall?" They were standing at the little the boat, whitewashed porch, all festooned with The bo tropaeolum. The weman pointed across the sleep tern, towards waere the fell rose, gaunt and lower-ing against the fading sun glow in western sky.

Edging the tarn was a rim of thick woodland, through which a glimmer of light from the half-hidden house

"Amongst you trees, sir. Our Thomas will row you across in the morning, Miss Dolly keeps time for the lark But if it's the fishing as von've come after-well, it's not for such as to say-and folk always has t' right to try their own luck, and-" You think I have no what.

"Depends if you've got a name to you, sir-begging your pardon."
"My name? Ah-I forgot I had not given you-my name. A simple one enough-Lord Alan Robertson. The woman's face brightened, and

she laughed genially. "You're right as a fiddle, if you've s Miss Dolly, and weighs folk by fireworks fra Manchester."

OUR LATEST COMPLIMENT.

the southwest. I get every kind, from inquiries regarding real estate values,

ip lost, strayed or stolen friends. But

it remained for a Wisconsin miss to

cap the climax with a request to know

if El Paso ladies wear hats, and if so,

wrote her that we'had some magnifi-

cent emporiums along the great white

"RATIONAL TAXATION."

the editorial on "Rational Taxation,"

which appeared in a recent Issue of

your paper. It was gratifying indeed

article all the evidence of a clear ap-

prehension of the justice and expedi-

There is dally evidence of a more

our city controller, and with the senior

ncy of taxing land values.

walch closely resembled heaven.

if they change them with the seaso

I left the rest for her to guess,

Editor El Paso Herald:

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family and nowt else. If your nambedroom, on top of her Bible, you might as well trail back again. of those here new fangled millionaires might go on his bended knees to her, and never a trout might he take from her farn, though he offered her its weight in gold."

"Too proud to marry?" "Folk say as there's not a man in all this countryside as she hasn't flouted and tossed her head at. Miss Dolly she bides, and Miss Dolly she will bide seemingly As for prince Charming, as folk tell on, he's never landed yet-unless he's yourself, my

Alan decided to take a stroll around the lake before retiring to bed. He was, as he would have sworn to anyone, neither sentimental nor superstitious. Yet somehow as he strode doggedly between the black stone walls, he could not get rid of the haunting words which floated upon the gorse scent, whispered under rippling of the tarn edge and sighed with the swaying wind amongst the

"Miss Dolly, Miss Dolly, Miss Dolly," Pulling himself together, he sniffed the damp air with a sportsman's instinct. He strode smartly back to the inn, determined on a long night's rest, in prepaartion for the day to

Perhaps he slept two hours in sleep drifts. He was ever interrupted by line, the touch of a ring, the feel of a velvet cheek, the sound of a short, mocking laugh, a stab of pain from passion-lit eyes.

He rose early. It was drizzling encouragingly, so he dressed deliberately, and looked on his waders with determined affection.

Obviously his next act must be to call upon the lady of the hall. It appeared that she owned the tarn and the fells and the valleys for many a "Miss Dolly was out on the lake fishing this morning," announced the

landlady proudly, as he was finishing She fishes? "It's not to say the hours she'd s."

night" he inquired of the landlady, sir, and never take her eye off the who had popped out like an indicator line. She'll be gone back to the hall, at his first movement. There's neither horse nor Bleak Tarn Hall, sir. She's alus astir." hound as Miss Dolly owns, as she don't

The young man finished his meal, bolting recklessly. Here, he thought, was the ideal Dolly-the real Dolly of his dreams. On to the conquest while he had the pluck. He must get rid at all costs of that vision of scorn

No-he rose quickly and demanded The boy pushed off over the leaden waters, aiming straight for a short,

broken-down landing stage. Lord Alan started forward in irr'tating anxiety. More then once he had to quell a cowardly and impetuous desire to return. An old woman in a short skirt was

standing with arms akimbo, watching movements of the boat. was more than a hint of antagonism in her attitude. It was as though she in defence of an enchanted castle and

'Who is that?" lord Alan inquired, The boy twisted himself round some-

"It ull just be Miss Dolly, sir." "I mean that old body on the land-ing stage, you fool," he returned, as scanned the woodland eagerly. The boy looked up sharply at the man's tone. There was indeed a ring

as he answered a lord to your name, sir. You'll fetch Miss Dolly hersel'? Gone So, last her as easy as hutter. She's proud, Easter. We'd grand stirrings, and

of triumphant pride in his young voice,

Little Editorials By Herald Readers the principle of land value taxetion. last month Lawson Purdy, chairman of the board of taxes and assess-The El Pasoans and the western peoments in the city of New York, speak ple in general have spent thousands of dollars in advertising and the people ing before the chamber of commerce of our city, explicitly urged its adoption back east and north are duly impressed, To those seeking a practical illustration a fact easily substantlated when I tell of its beneficial effects may be cited ou that I get letters by the hundred the example of the city of Vancouver asking about El Paso, west Texas, and C., where taxes on improvements

have been abolished entirely J. B. Sharpe. 221 West Rio Grande St.

EL PASO IS BEST. Editor El Palo Herald:

Having just returned from a trip to Washington and Oregon and stopping fornia I take pleasure in expressing my opinion of sald places and congratulating El Paso particularly. I do not consider any place I have been equal to this city, and surrounding country, for the people of El Paso know what they have got and appreciate it accordingly the move to boost this place, as I notice they do farther west. It may be habit, if so I can and do compliment to see compressed within so brief an the people of California and Oregon on their adeptness in boosting their states, for they are all guilty of there must be some deficiencies or many, for that matter, since the citisympathetic attitude toward this re- zens as well as land agents will try their best to impress one of the advantorm among practical minded men. Recent papers from my home city (Pitts- ages to be had. However, I saw noth ourg) contain extended interviews with ing including stock, produce, especially fruits and vegetables, that are raised member of one of the most prominent there, that will equal the same that is real estate ffrms in the city, in which brought to this city and raised in surthey give their unqualified adhesion to rounding vicinity, and, too, the people

Deportation.

Perplexing Official Problem

Powerful Financial Influence Always At Work To Circumvent

hardest to enforce is the one turn the certificate—perhaps to be used which relates to the exclusion of the again. Oftentimes these citizenship or 'hinese laborer. No race of people in the entire world is as ingenious in circumventing the law, or as clannish as the Chinese. Couple with this a great There is a provision in the Chinese exclusion law which entitles the minor desire to get into this land of promise and plenty, and you have a combination tion has vainly directed its best gn-deavors. It admits that in spite of all that has ben done toward the exclusion and expulsion of Chinese coolies from the United States, there are today more Chinamen in America who have no right to be here, than those entitled to residence or citizenship.

Keeping Out the Chinese Is

The experience of the bureau of im-migration has shown that the Chinese are deficient in their sense of the moral obligation of an oath, and that they will perfure themselves without compunction when the interests of one of their countrymen are in jeopardy. The experience of the bureau has led to the conclusion that there is a secret but powerful influence always at work with the object of importing coolies. It admits, however, that it has been unable to locate this influence or apprehend the individuals through whom it is exgrted. No Chinese steerage passenger s so destitute that he cannot command money, almost without limit, in the employment of legal services and witness es to testify in his case. They often come to America with little more than the clothes upon their backs, yet if necessary they will command sufficient funds to carry their cases to the supreme court of the United States.

Are Hard to Dislodge. Once the Chinese laborer gets a foothold on American soil it requires no end of effort to dislodge him and send him back to his own country. In the case of the other nationalities the person deported nearly always submits quietly to the order and there is little expense involved. During one year 845 other allens were deported at an expense of a few thousand dollars, while in the same year 621 Chinamen were deported at a cost of \$68,000, inaddition to the heavy court expenses in Chinese regularly admitted into the United States in 1909 was 6395. This is 134 percent greater than the admission in 1906. Deportations to the extent of 564 were made in 1909, as compared with 205 in 1906.

Not long ago the consul general of the United States at Hong Kong secured an interesting oit of evidence which proved that the smuggling of Chinese into this country is a regular and recegnired business. An effort was made in the Hong Kong courts to enforce the ettlement of an unpaid balance on a contract in which a Chinaman was brought to the United States. The judge held that the contract was being a violation of a law of a friendly nation. This contract in part was as follows: "Whereas, Mr. Yan Yuen has agreed to convey a valuable thing to America, the cost of the undertaking being \$1,050, the amount will be puld in instalments, in Hong Kong \$150, on arrival in America, \$200, and upon his return to Hong Kong \$500. The said amount must be paid in full as soon as the firm Chung Shun Wo gives instruction for the payment, supported waste papet." The "valuable thing" in this contract was nothing less than a

Border Difficulties.

While much trouble still is encounered in preventing the landing of Chl-ese from oceanging vessels, the main mugglers on the Canadian and Mexian boundaries. Causda has levied a read tax of \$500 on all Chinese comin into that country, and this tends to discourage the coolies from attempting to break their way into the United States by this route. Most of the smuggling operations are carried on along the Mexican border, and all sorts of ruses and schemes are worked for anding Chinese on the American side of the international boundary. In such cities as El Paso, there are regularly established underground railroads through which the Chinese population assist their brethren to reach places of safety in the United States. In some cases the ald of railroad men is secured, and a whole bunch of Chinese are herded into a provisioned and ven-tilated car, sealed up, and dispatched a confederate at some interior town this side of the Rio Grande. In many cases Chinamen have been lowered into the ice boxes of regrigerator cars and thus carried to their goal. Chinese Watch the Courts.

In some localities the judiciary helds favorable views toward the Chinese, Every court decision is watchd by the Chinese, and as soon as it is found that a judge is inclined to be lenient with coolie, the territory over which he has jurisdiction is reported as a place of safety. Toward such places the 11 legally entered Chinaman hustles as fast as traveling conditions will perwhich the missionary spirit is strong and the Chinese smugglers send the coolles there. They are urged to join the Sunday school and the church in their favor should attempts be made to

It is not alone by smuggling methods that Chinese reach the United States, It is provided under the Chinese exclusion laws that Chinamen who have been legally admitted 'nto the United States may return home, and upon the presentation of certificates of their former admission may reenter this country. These certificates have a commercial value, and often are found in the pawn shops in the Chinatowns of the various large cities. For a stipulated charge these certificates may be had by other Chinamen who never have been here.

of El Paso are to my way of thinking far superior in sociability and intellect, to those farther west, for one may meet a Californian here and he favorably impressed by his arrogance and commanding appearance, also his boasts, but meet him in his own state where they put themselves on an equality with negroes, so much so that they will sit with them in the trains (conches) dine at the same table in the restaur ants and pay homage to the negro wo men in public and often ignore a white wom'n since she (the white) can carry her grip off and on the train. The are, and regardless of sand and wind, think we have many things to be pets and billy goats.

Oh, it wouldn't be any trouble to taste, etc., etc. Gratefully your.

F all the laws on the statute | If they are successful in their efforts books of the United States the | to get through the port, they must redomiciled merchant papers are forged.

Frederic

J. Haskin

Another Loophole.

sons of merchants to enter the United States. Hundreds of Chinese, who have no right to be here, have successfully passed through the immigration embargo by being acknowledged as sons of men who never saw them before. as soon as a Chinaman has "established" his American birth, even through fraudulent means, he invariably goes to China and either marries, or pretends to marry, some Chinese woman for whom he claims the right of entry into every American citizen is entitled to have his wife with him. In this way the Chinese population In the United States is gradually growing, and the more numerous it is, the more difficult it becomes to ferret out

and send back to their native land those who come into the United States by illegal methods. When it is re-membered that the Chinese never cease to be citizens of their own land, and never surrender their affiliation with heir home government, it will be seen that the Chinese in America may eventually become a serious menace. Only recently an edict was issued under which all Chinese residing abroad are declared to be subjects of the Chinese empire. Thus, those who claim the right of citizenship in the United States have the protection of two gov-

Resort to Many Tricks,

In the deception of the immigration authorities the Chinese resort to many tricks. Some years ago it was found that 10,000 copies of a chart orinted in Chinese were distributed in Chins among prospective immigrants. In this of the distri-chart full information was given as to ed the term. the location of various streets, public buildings, and other landmarks for the guidance of such Chinamen as might attempt to pass through the immigra-tion net. The chart also contained a list of events such as might be asked of the S. P. made the afternoon train of a coolie who claimed that he previ-ously had been in the United States: A few years ago Yee Wing Hong, a Chinaman who sought to enter the United States illegally, had testified to some points that were necessary to the evidence submitted by the witnesses. It was necessary that his testimony should be changed. To induce him to do this his friends broke open a peanut shell. D. G. Tipton has enlisted 36 men in extracted the kernel, placed in it a mes- El Paso, it is said, to go to South Afsage on fine tissue paper, sealed it up, and delivered it to him in an innocent locking bag of peanuts. It was only in an unguarded moment that he permitted the ruse to be discovered. Tometrow-Counterfelting.

#### SIXYEAROLD UNCLE SHOOTS HIS NEPHEW

Playing With Rifle, Child Is Accidentally Shot by Companion.

Alpine, Texas, Jan. 3.—Charley Dryby the proof of the said firm's chop, den. Syearold son of Henry Dryden, together with a letter written by the was shot through the groin with a his window. He seized his gun and the through the hands of his window. He seized his gun and target rifle in the hands of his Syearthe balance should not be paid and old uncle, a son of Harry Drygen. The this undertaking will be regarded as boys were playing. While the little The "valuable thing" in fellow may live, the physicians do not feel by any means assured of it.

The coldest weather of the present winter is now prevailing here, the thermometer last night registering as low as 12 degrees above. Business was practically suspended yesterday from the combines influence of holiday and cold weather. Cattle will suffer on exposed range.

GAVE PROHIBITION TALK.

H. S. Bonsib, a prohibition lecturer domicile in Moriany. Another trip of Indianapolis, ind., made a short address on this subject at the First Baptist church Monday evening.

Abe Martin



Ther haint nothin' a woman likes better than t' git seven o' somethin' fer a quarter. This is awful weather fer women t' leave th' car door open, but I reckon they don't mind it.

Years Ago To-From The Hera'd Or

Mexican engineer Basave is strength ning the dikes on the south side of the

The Corralitos Rallway company has received 38 cars of material for track laying.

J. H. Harper will speak Sunday at the Y. M. C. A. on the "Trial Balance

Judge Buckler has signed the minutes of the district court and officially end-

Ben Jenkins submitted to a successful operation yesterday for an abcess A land alide on the Yuma division

three hours late. Juarez policemen have been reclothed and look quite decent, thanks to mayor Arriola

Deputy leternal revenue collector L. H. Coley has returned from a trip on the lower Rio Grande.

rica on a mining expedition There is a good chance for laborers on the Rio Grande, Sierra Madre & Pacific road. Call on Mr. Tobla at the

Gem saloon. The first really disagreeable winter weather struck the city this morning in the shape of a wet snow, which let

up at noon, leaving the streets very Friends of the Presbyterian church,

outside of the membership, have fit-ted the church with a new pulpit, pulpit comirs and coverings, choir chairs and J. T. Logan woke up at 2 oclock this

"let her went" and mister Burglar dropped out of sight and was gone. J. C. Burge, the well known photographer, died .. ew Year's day, as a result of an attack of grip. He was 58 He came here five years ago from Las Cruces. rices will be under the auspices of the

From Moriarty (N. M.) Messenger, A good joke is being told on liveryman livin. Wednesday morning he drave-to Estancia, taking his better half with him. Wednesday evening he returned home alone entirely forgetting his wife until he had reached his domicile in Meriany. Another trip

ing and-well, we leave the reader to

# Dorothy Dix "Solves the Christ-mas Problem"

Now that Christmas is over we the week or so after," when you still have an opportunity to realized have a dark brown task. is to celebrate the day of peace on you have got and think of the things earth and good will toward men by that you might have had given you making all the hideous noises that hu- with the same expenditure of money man ingenuity can invent and to be- and effort. stow presents that we can't afford on people who don't want them, until we the poor at one particular time rather reach a pitch where we don't know than another? Aren't the hungry as feel compelled to give to us, or those to December, and but poverty a chronic who we are forced to give.

keepers and doctors, realizes that there nothing else in the world in such imperative need of reform as Christmas. If some bold leader should arise amidst crusade he would have a million fol-lowers before nightfall.

the millions of baggard-eyed and overwrought women, who have worked Certainly it takes less grace to bestow themselves to nervous frazzles making a hand painted celluloid comb and dinky embroidered things that good for nothing on earth but dust It is true that we should not look a catchers and as incubators for deathdealing microbes. Following them rould come a pathetic platoon of distracted fathers and husbands, bearing it is an aggravation to the soul to be empty pocketbooks, and staggering ununpaid bills for Christmas junk that has been bestowed on defenceless Following these would be bevies of

sweet and artless maidens, gnashing

helr teeth and tearing their hair, be Behind these would come hordes and ribbon and smelly things were they say, in effect: had received from certain fair hands. mas offering for which they had been held up by their lady loves.

sion would be little weeping children, ey that I was going to spend on your crying because they had been given Christmas present, I shall get me a dolls when they wanted railroad trains, cutglass office dish, which is the very and good improving books when their thing that I need, and I shall never hearts were set on drums, and trum- look at it without thinking of you and

start an anti-Christmas crusade "on

have an opportunity to realized have a dark brown taste in four mouth how absurd and incongruous it and with billous eyes survey the things

Why even give food and clothing to which we hate the most-those who hungry the 13th of June at the 25th of complaint that lasts from year's end to Everybody, except department store year's end and is always in need of succor? Why gorge little John little Mary on sweetmeasts and satiste them with too many toys on one particular occasion, instead of making a s today and start an anti-Christmas whole twelve month loyous by string

ing out lelli-pops and new toys over it? When the Lord declared that In the vanguard would be marching more bleased to give than receive." He doubtless had Christmas gifts in mind. brush case than it does to receive one. gift horse in the mouth, nor value a present at its cost. Few people do, yet at the same time nobody will deny that presented with things that you do not want, and for which you have no use, while there are so many things that would cost no more for which you are simply perishing with longing.

Hew to obviate all of this, and bring about a condition of affairs in which cause Tom. Dick and Harry had failed merchants shall make just as many to take their ingenuous fints about seles, everybody get their heart's de-real silver mesh bags, and genuine sire, nobody be laid up with a spell of pearl lavallieres, and sterling silver post-Christmas exhaustion, has been a toilet articles and hand painted fans, problem herotofore, but I think I have solved it by the device of a circular letof bewildered young men, vainly trying ter which each of us might send out to figure out what the embroidered silk about December 1. This letter would

Dear Sally (or whatever the and how long it would take them, by might be)-It is your usual loving and eating at a quick lunch joint and shav- gracious custom to send me a Christing themselves, to pay for the Christ- mas present. Will you please take the money that you would spend on it and eld up by their lady loves.

And tagging at the tall of the proces- and accept it from me? With the mon-